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"I Can, I Will"

May 28, 2007



## Annual Student Leadership Conference May 2007

Grafton attended the Adams and Associates Annual Student Leadership Conference and on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the group was given a tour of Washington, DC. On Wednesday the group met the National Director of Job Corps, Dr. Esther Johnson. They also met with Congressman Neil, a representative of Massachusetts and is a resident of Worcester, MA. In addition they visited Woodstock JCC and Woodland JCC and had dinner at each of the Centers. During the conference, the students were given assignments to present in front of other Job Corps. It was a wonderful opportunity for all who attended.



*Sitting—Zulyann Melendez, Congressman Neal, Cara Malone, Belinda Perez, Amarihys Maisonet, Toure Brown*



*Belinda Perez, Amarihys Maisonet, Zulyann, Dr. Esther Johnson (National Director of Job Corps) Toure Brown, Cara Malone*

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### Open Positions at Grafton Career Academy

- *Employability Coordinator*
- *CNA Instructor P/T (10 hours/week)*
- *Resident Advisor*
- *GED/HSD Instructor*

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## Grafton Staff/Trainee Softball Game

The staff team made a brilliant ten run comeback as they defeated the trainees 15-14 in seven innings on Wednesday. The staff team was comprised of Mr. Palaschak, Ms. Graves, Ms. Malone, Mr. Illarza, Mr. Foley, Mr. Dunleavy from Security and a few other students. The trainees jumped out to a 13-3 lead but the staff scored twelve runs over the last two innings to complete the comeback. Mr. Palaschak led the staff team with 3 hits and 5 RBI. Neritan Sequica made several spectacular plays in the outfield to keep the game close for the trainees

For anyone interested in taking part in this Staff vs. Trainee event, they will take place every Wednesday until the end of September.



Everyone seemed to have a great time!!!



## RPYCA Graduate Hired at Edison Job Corps

Dianne Dickson was hired at Edison Job Corps at \$12.00 an hour.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## WELCOME NEW TRAINEES



(left to right)

Front row: Shirley Bridjman, Anna Vaszuez, Gabriella Gahan  
Second row: Marieshibell Pires, Desiree Stevenson, Alexander Panagopoulos

Third row: Jessica Rowley, Sharise Tolson, Janae Madbox

## Memorial Day's Meaning

By Jeremy Maylott

What Memorial Day means to me is a day to remember all the loved ones of every American family and give praise, prayer and support to every family with a member that has died or served in the armed forces, and therefore, basically every family. I personally commemorate the memory of soldiers that have died for the causes America was against, because even though we thought they were wrong, they thought they were fighting the noble cause and spilled as much blood if not more for their country, as well as American soldiers.

What Memorial Day means to me, is to think about causes bigger than myself, such as reasons and conspiracies behind current conflicts and global conflicts such as poverty, aids, nuclear warfare and famine.

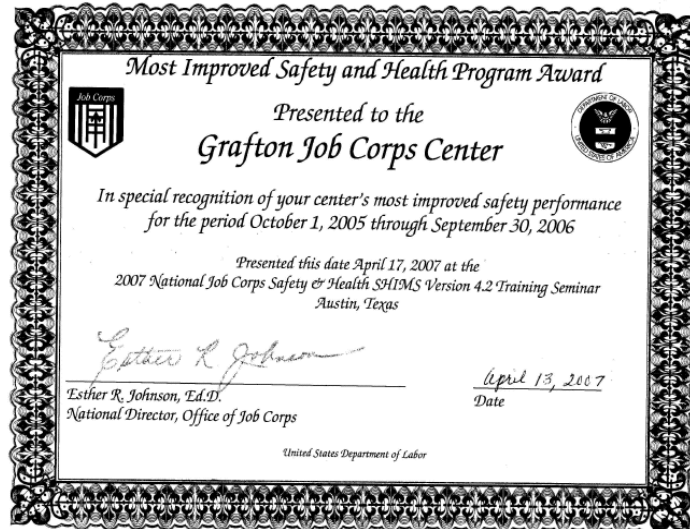
But on the yin side to the yang mindset, I think of the possible solutions, despite how elaborate or imaginative they may appear in the mind of a young man such as me. What I mean to say is, before King had a speech he had a dream, before Columbus had a boat he had a image, and before Hitler had an army he had a goal. So maybe before the world can have peace there has to be a dream, an image, a goal— by a young man or many before change can happen.

# The Safety Panther

**Grafton Job Corps Career Academy's Safety Awareness Newsletter**



## Grafton Safety Program Receives National Recognition



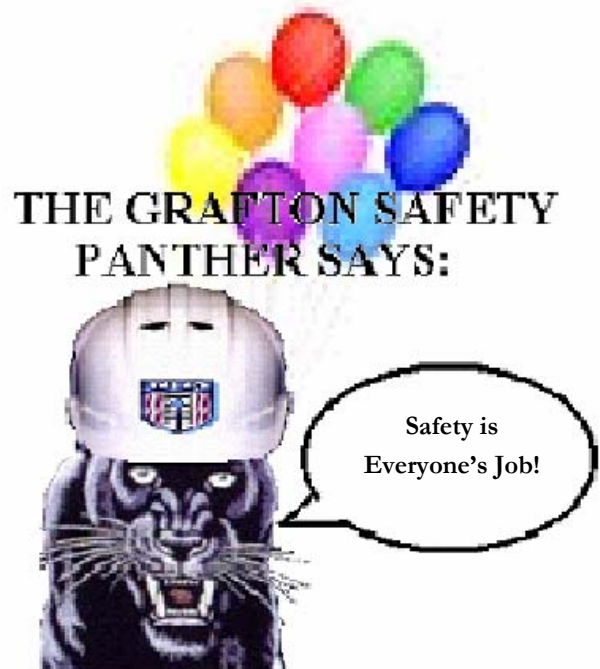
The Grafton Job Corps Academy was presented with a special award during the recent National Job Corps Safety and Health SHIMS training seminar in Austin, Texas.

The award recognized Grafton as being the most improved Safety and Health Program in all of Job Corps and was presented by Marsha Fitzhugh on behalf of the National Director, Dr. Ester Johnson.

Ms. Fitzhugh commended Campus Safety Manager Dan Block for leading Grafton from a dismal 2.1 rating in 2005 to an impressive 6.9 rating on the 2006 National Safety and Health Program review. Ms. Fitzhugh noted Grafton's amazing 4.8 leap in less than a year as a sign to all that anything is possible if you put forth the effort.

Much thanks to all students and staff who have made Grafton's safety program the success that it is. Without you, we'd just be a talking panther!

Remember... Safety is Everyone's Job!







Captain Mr. Calcote

# GJCC HOMELAND SECURITY



First Lieutenant Carlos Sierra



Operation Sergeant Kevon Bryan



First Sergeant Bruce Holmes

Grafton Job Corps Career Academy has been bestowed the honor of pioneering the Homeland Security Vocational Trade of the nation's 122 centers. A promotion ceremony was held on May 17, 2007. The Homeland Security Vocational Trade trainees were awarded an honorable promotion amongst their ranks. Starting with Chief Instructor Calcote earning his rank of Captain. Carlos Sierra received 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant. Erin Burns received 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Kevon Bryan received Operation Sergeant. Josh Fryer received Staff Sergeant. Bruce Holmes received 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant. Corey Vickers received Team Leader. We would all like to congratulate these young men on a job well done and setting a positive example for the young men and women attending Grafton Job Corps Career Academy.



Second Lieutenant Erin Burns



Staff Sergeant Josh Fryer



Team Leader Corey Vickers

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## Upcoming Events:

May 25 : Woodland will activate it's new VOIP phone system. First time in months the phones will actually work! Kudos to **Laurie Sturtevant**, **Gregg Colvin**, **Jihad Little**, the **Job Corps Data Center** and the **Philadelphia Region** for making this happen!

June 7 & 8th: Adams' CTS Training, Ocean City, MD

June 11-13th: Boston Regional Meeting, Boston, MA

## WOODSTOCK'S ON A ROLL

With all the visitors at **Woodstock** this month including the **Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council**, **National Director of Job Corps Dr. Johnson**, and **U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings** and his **District Director Fran Allen**, the *Fables* editor decided to pen *The Ballad of Woodstock*. Here it goes... Just sit right back and you'll hear some tales, Some tales of many fateful trips, that started out in Randallstown, to tour the Woodstock ship

**Mate Nixon** was a mighty Deputy, **Skipper Butler** brave and sure,  
Several passengers have set sail with them, For three hour tours, three hour tours!

The Stock looked great for the VIPs, the Center shining through  
If not for the work of the fearless students and staff crews, the tours would be lost, the tours would be lost.

VIPs set ground on the campus of, this high performing Center,  
With **Esther Johnson**, **Crystal Woodard** too, The **Congressman**, and his staff  
The **Apprentice** folks, Employers and placement staff, here on Woodstock isle.

So **Ed Roberts** urges folks, to visit the 'Stock each week  
You're sure to get a smile, with several VIP castaways, here on Woodstock Isle.

## MARYLAND CENTERS INVOLVED IN ETA HIGH GROWTH GRANT

The Maryland dynamic duo -- **Center Directors Edna Primrose** and **Rodney Butler**, along with Woodstock's busy **BCL Ed Roberts** recently participated the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Board for a new grant program to be operated by **Anne Arundel Community College**. **AACC** was recently awarded a *Community-Based Job Training Grant* from the **U.S. Department of Labor** to develop and deliver training in the **Transportation, Logistics** and **Cargo Security** industry. The primary target employers for the program will be the **Port of Baltimore** and the **Baltimore-Washington International Airport**. Under this grant, six college credit courses and 5 non-credit certificate courses will be developed for new and incumbent workers. The two **Maryland Job Corps Centers** will help in curriculum design and refer students to this program for training and employment in line with the Company Security/MilCap training programs at the Maryland Centers.

## CEMENTING RELATIONSHIPS

The Reno, Nevada location of the *Family Homestead* was also the site of the annual **Job Corps Cement and Plastering Instructors (NPIJATF)** meeting and training session. Our very own **Roy** agreed to share some tall Job Corps tales and explain the entertainment opportunities available to the attendees in Reno. **Uncle Roy** was recently seen proudly sporting his new *Cement/Plastering* t-shirt and hoody while several instructor participants were grinning under colorful *Family* logo caps.

## ASK ROY

**Guy from the North Woods:** Hey Roy, I heard you spent a lot of time with lawyers last week. Maybe you can answer this question. What's the difference between a dead snake in the road and a dead attorney in road?

**Roy:** Well wood weasel, if you look closely, you'll see skid marks in front of the snake.